

## REMARKS

Claims 11 and 14-16 will be pending after entry of this Amendment and Response.

Claims 1-10, 12-13 and 17-64 have been cancelled.

### Objected To Claims

The examiner stated that claims 11 and 14-16 are objected to because they depend from a rejected claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form with all of the limitations of the claims from which they depend.

In order to expedite prosecution, Claim 11 has been amended to incorporate the limitations from claim 3 from which it depends. Claim 14 has been amended to depend solely from claim 11. Claims 15 and 16 each depend from claim 14.

Accordingly, allowance of claims 11 and 14-16 is respectfully requested.

### Rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph

Claim 10 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite. Specifically, the examiner stated that claim 10 is rejected because it depends from cancelled claim 9.

In order to expedite prosecution of the instant application, applicants have cancelled claim 10. Accordingly, withdrawal of this rejection is respectfully requested.

### Rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a)

Claims 3, 7, 8, 13, 48 and 64 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being obvious in view of Gorenstein *et al.* (U.S. Patent Publication No. 20040265912).

In order to expedite prosecution of the instant application, applicants have cancelled claims 3, 7, 8, 13, 48 and 64. Accordingly, withdrawal of this rejection is respectfully requested.

### **CONCLUSION**

Applicants submit that claims 11 and 14-16 are now in allowable form. Accordingly, reconsideration of the objection and allowance of the claims at an early date are earnestly solicited.

If there are any questions regarding this Amendment and Response or if the undersigned can be of assistance in advancing the application to allowance, please contact the undersigned at the number set forth below.

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